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Elizabethtown October 15, 18350

The Synod of New Jersey met according to adjournment at 3 o'clock p.m. in the 2nd Presbyterian Church and was opened with a Sermon from 2nd Corinthians 4th Chapter 1st. Verse by the Rev. Symmes C. Henry, the Moderator.

After public worship, the Synod was constituted by prayer.

Present

From the Presbytery of Elizabethtown

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Dr. Magie	Kern Pruden	2nd Elizabethtown
Mr. Williamson	Henry Hedges	Chester
Mr. Barton		Woodbridge
Mr. Halsey	Lucas V. Hoagland	Plainfield
Mr. Bond	Daniel Gaston	Lamington
Mr. Chester		Chatham Village
Mr. Blauvelt		Westfield
Mr. Ogden	David Magie	1st Elizabethtown
Mr. Huntting	Andrew Carey	2nd Morristown
Mr. Murray		
Mr. Mirtland	Jonathan Alward	Baskingridge
Mr. Jos. Cory	J.J. Oliver	New Vernon
Mr. B. Cory	Stephen G. Woodbridge	Perth Amboy
Mr. Street		
Mr. Ely	Elias Crane	Conneticut Farms
Mr. English	David Dunham	Liberty Corner
Mr. Imbrie	Jothan Potter	New Providence
Mr. Reinhart	Erra Miles	1st Morristown
Mr. Hornblower	Amos Morse	Rahway
Mr. Denton	Jonathan M. Ross	Elizabeth Port

Presbytery of New Brunswick

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Dr. Alexander		Kingston
Mr. Comfort	Randolph S. Hunt	Ewing
Dr. Cogswell		Middletown Pt.
Mr. Cooley	Richard McDowell	1st Cranbury
Mr. Henry		
Mr. Rodgers	Cors. Vanderbeek	Allentown
Mr. Perkins	John Polhemus	Boundbrook
Dr. Hodge		
Mr. Davidson		Seedsville
Mr. D. V. McLean		Village Ch. Freehold
Mr. Blythe		
Mr. Hammil	Sam Baker	2nd Cranbury
Mr. Hall		New Brunswick
Mr. Ely		2nd New Brunswick
Mr. Schenck		
Mr. Taylor		Freehold
Mr. Van Artsdalen		Lawrence
Mr. Rowell	John E. Baird	Pennington
Mr. White		Dutch Neck
Mr. Cuyler		Nottingham
	Isaac Baker	1st Princeton
	Wm. R. Murphy	2nd Princeton
	John Watson	South Trenton
	Wm. De Hart	2nd Ch. Trenton

Presbytery of Newton

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Dr. Shafer		Newton
Mr. Talmage	Tohmas McKean	1st Easton
Dr. Gray	George Creveling	Mansfield
Mr. Conkling		Union Church
Mr. Vanderveer		
Dr. Skinner		Danville
Mr. Johnston		2nd Easton
Dr. Junkin		Harmony
Mr. Little		Middle Smithfield
Mr. Condict		
Mr. Tully		Stroudsburch
Mr. McGee	John A. Creveling	Greenwich
Mr. Oakley	G. R. King	Belvidere
Mr. McWilliam		
Mr. Townley		Musconetong Valley
Mr. Scribner		Allen Township
Mr. Reiley		
	Jos. Galloway	Lower Mt. Bethel
	D. H. Predmore	Stillwater 2nd
	Saml. Mayberry	Marksborough
	Fred P. Hoffman	Fox Hill
	Saml. Blair	Oxford
	Ephraim Marsh	Hackettstown
	David Neighbour	German Valley

Presbytery of Raritan

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Dr. Kirkpatrick		Amwell United 1st
Dr. Watson		Amwell 2nd
Mr. Sherwood	Peter C. Schenck	1st Church Amwell
Mr. Porter		Flemington
Mr. Carril		6th Amwell
Mr. Kirk		
Mr. McJimpsey		
Mr. H. W. Hunt, Jr.		Clinton
	R. C. Stevens	Pleasant Grove
	Geo. Carpenter	Milford
	Wm. Wilson	Lambertville
	Henry Lott	Kingwood

Presbytery of Susquehanna

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Mr. Todd	Parley Coburn	Warren
Mr. Foster		Braintown
Mr. Colt		Wyalusing
Mr. Huntting	A. G. Mathes	Orwell
Mr. Ladd	John Allen	Wysox
Mr. Thomas	Willis Bronson	Towanda
Mr. Camp		Athens
Mr. Snowden	Solomon Morse	Troy
	Ahiram Wickham	Crawfordsville
	Oscar F. Young	Rome

Presbytery of Luzerne

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Mr. Lane		
Mr. Osmond		
Mr. Hunt		

Presbytery of West Jersey

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Mr. Janvier		Pittsgrove
Mr. Graham		Greenwich
Dr. Kollock	Aug. Barber	Woodbury
Mr. Williamson		Blackwoodtown
Mr. Jones		Cold Spring
Mr. Helme	Isaac Lanning	Bridgeton
Mr. Saunders		Salem
Mr. Ford		Deerfield
Mr. Brown		May's Landing
Mr. Cattel		Cedarville
Mr. Dunn		Camden

Presbytery of Burlington

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Mr. Bush		Bordentown
Mr. Miller		Burlington
Dr. Van Rensselaer	Alden Scovil	Mt. Holly
	John C. De Peu	Plumstead

Synod had a recess until 7 o'clock. At the close of the recess Synod convened when the Rev. Dr. Hodge delivered a Sermon on Foreign Missions.

The Statistical Reports from the several Presbyteries composing this Synod were then presented and read and are as follows (on file).

The Rev. Dr. Brunsmade and the Rev. Messrs McConnel, Lee, Edgar, Gorthwaite and Locke of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown with Mr. Thomas H. Shafer an Elder from the 2nd church of Rahway and Mr. John Chandler an Elder from the 3rd church of Newark of the same Presbytery, the Rev. Henry I. Vandyke of the Presbytery of West Jersey and the Rev. David Hartison of the Presbytery of Luzerne then took their seats as members of Synod.

Rev. Wm. W. Blauvelt was chosen Moderator and Messrs. Rodgers and McWilliam Clerks.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday Morning 9 o'clock

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

Present as before together with W. C. Wallace, Elder from Church of Chatham Village, David N. Demarest of 1st Church of Woodbridge of Presbytery of Elizabethtown, and Perrine, Elder from Village Church of Freehold and John M. Roger of the Presbytery of New Brunswick and Elias Dey of 2nd Church of Cranbury of the same Presbytery and Mr. Wardlaw of the Presbytery of Luzerne.

The roll was called and the Minutes were read. The Rev. A. Alexander, Hodge, Rev. John C. Rankin and Rev. Mr. John E. Freeman of the Synod of Northern India, Rev. Mr. Work and Rev. R. Happensett of the Synod of Philadelphia being present were invited to sit as corresponding members.

On motion Resolved, that during the present sossions of Synod it be the order to meet at 9 o'clock a.m. and to have a recess from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. and from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

A letter was received and read from Dr. Carnahan assigning satisfactory reasons for his absence from this meeting of Synod.

It was on motion Resolved, that immediately after reading the Minutes of the last meeting of synod an opportunity be afforded to the Rev. Mr. Pilatte of Paris, agent of the Evangelical Society of France, to present the object of his mission to this country and immediately after the recess in the afternoon Synod will hear Messrs. Lewrie and Happensett and Dr. Van Rensselaer, Secretaries to the Boards of the Church.

The Minutes of the last meeting of Synod were read. The members now present who were absent from that meeting assigned satisfactory reasons for such absence.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees (committees on file) No.1.

The Rev. Drs. Scott and Taylor of the Particular Synod of New York of the Reformed Dutch Church and the Rev. R. S. Finley of the Synod of Missouri being present were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Rev. Mr. Pilatte was heard in an interesting statement of his labours as Missionary of the Evangelical Society of France, and of the operations of that society. And it was on motion Resolved, that Synod express their interest in Mr. Pilatte and the cause which he had presented and commend him to the Christian consideration and liberality of the churches under the care of the Synod.

Drs. Hall, Hope and Janeway of the Presbytery of New Brunswick and Richards of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown and Messrs. Scovil and Davis of the Presbytery of Burlington appeared in Synod and assigned satisfactory reasons for not coming sooner.

Narratives of the State of Religion from the Presbyteries were called for and presented and referred to the committee on the narrative.

Princeton was appointed as the place of the next stated meeting of Synod and Mr. Schenck and Dr. J. W. Alexander and Mr. Isaac Baker were appointed a committee of arrangements for the Religious Exercises of Synod.

Dr. Hall was appointed to preach before the next Synod the Annual Sermon on Foreign Missions and Mr. Van Rensselaer his alternate.

The Stated Clerk was directed to prepare and forward the Annual Statistical Report of Synod to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

The committee on Bills and overtures had leave to withdraw.

Drs. Janeway and Magie from the committee on the Sabbath presented a verbal report which was accepted, etc., (on file) 2.

Dr. Janeway had leave of absence from the sessions of Synod after the recess this morning.

The Rev. R. S. Finley was heard on the subject of Colonization and it was referred to Drs. Richards and Hope and Mr. Samuel Baker to bring in a Minute expressive of the feelings of Synod on this subject.

The committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented the following report which was accepted and placed on the docket.

The records of the Presbyteries were called for and presented and placed in the hands of the committees on the records.

Dr. Leyburn a member of the Synod of Virginia appeared in Synod and was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Synod had a recess until 2:30 o'clock.

After recess Synod convened. The committee on assessment for incidental expenses presented the following report which was accepted and adopted (on file) 3.

The Rev. Charles F. Worrel of the Presbytery of New Brunswick appeared in Synod and assigned satisfactory reasons for late attendance.

It was stated to Synod on behalf of the Rev. T. B. Condict of the Presbytery of Newton that he had been obliged on account of indisposition to absent himself from the Session of Synod.

The committee on Bills and overtures reported an overture from the Church of Shrewsbury requesting the Synod to divide the Presbytery of New Brunswick and according to the recommendation of the committee it was Resolved, that the petition of the Elders of Shrewsbury asking for a division of the Presbytery of New Brunswick be referred to said Presbytery and that that Presbytery report its views on this subject as soon as it can conveniently do so. The committee further reported an overture from the Presbytery of Elizabethtown on the division of the Synod which was placed on the docket.

Mr. Lowrie, Dr. Van Rensselaer, Dr. Happensett and Dr. Leyburn addressed the Synod on the claims and operations of the Boards with which they are respectively connected.

The committee of arrangements for Religious Exercises presented the following report which was accepted and adopted (on file) 4.

The committee on the Narrative of the State of Religion presented the following which was accepted and adopted (on file) 5.

Dr. McLean, Dr. Hodge and Dr. T. P. Hunt and Messrs. Samuel Baker and Ephraim Marsh were appointed a committee to draft a Minute expressive of the views of the Synod on the subjects presented by the Secretaries of the Boards of the churches.

Synod had a recess.

After recess Synod convened and attended the Synodical Prayer Meeting.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod on Lafayette College presented the following report which was accepted and adopted (on file) No. 6.

The committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Newton reported recommending their approval- adopted.

The committee on the Treasurer's Book presented the following report (on file) which was accepted and adopted.

Then the Synod adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday Morning 9 o'clock

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer- present as before.

The committee on leave of absence reported that they had given leave of absence to Messrs. Hale, Talmage, John E. Burd, Dr. Alexander, Messrs. Carpenter, Dye, Murphy, Reiley, J. T. Ely, Vandyke, Perkins, Wardlaw, Harbison, Osmond, McConnel, Denton, J. M. Huntting, Janvier, Lee, E. H. Vanucem, Oscar F. Young, Allen, S. C. Henry, Mr. Watson, Dr. Van Kesselaer and Mr. Carey.

The Rev. Robert Baird, D.D. of the Presbytery of New Brunswick appeared in Synod and assigned satisfactory reasons for late attendance.

The committee appointed to draft resolutions on the address of the Secretaries of the Boards of the Church presented a series of resolutions which were received and having been considered and discussed seriatum were adopted and are as follows, viz., (on file) No. 7.

Dr. Baird addressed the Synod on the present condition of Evangelical Religion in Christendom particularly its progress in the Papal countries of Europe, and the influences and operations under which the evangelising of these countries is advancing and it was on motion Resolved, that the whole subject be referred to a committee with powers to overture if they see fit the next General Assembly in regard to the appointment by the General Assembly of a Department for prosecuting the work of evangelising the Papal countries of Europe- Dr. Hodge, Murray and McLean were appointed the committee.

The committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown reported, the report was accepted and placed on the docket.

The committees on the records of the Presbyteries of Raritan, Burlington, Luzerne and West Jersey severally reported recommending that they be approved - adopted.

Synod had a recess.

After recess Synod convened- Reports on the contributions of the churches to the Boards were called for from Stated Clerks of Presbyteries- Reports received from all the Presbyteries except Presbytery of Luzerne. Elizabethtown, Susquehanna, West Jersey, and Burlington in Statistical Report.

The report of the Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown was taken up and the Records were approved.

The committee on the Records of the Presbytery of New Brunswick reported recommending that the Records be approved. Adopted.

The committee to draft a Minute on the subject of Colonization as presented in the address of Mr. Finley presented the following which was accepted and adopted (on file) No. 8.

The committee appointed on the subject of the Evangelising Papal Countries presented a report which was accepted and adopted and is as follows (on file) No. 9.

Resolved, that it be recommended to each of the churches under the care of this Synod to adopt and to carry into execution such measures as in their judgment may be best calculated to further the temperance reformation and that they make report of what they have done to their respective Presbyteries and the Presbyteries report to Synod.

Susquehanna book reported.

The Janitor's bill amounting to six dollars was ordered to be paid.

The overture from the Presbytery of Elizabethtown respecting the division of Synod was taken up when it was Resolved, that the whole subject be indefinitely postponed.

Roll dispersed with.

Resolved, that the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the citizens of Elizabethtown and its vicinity for their kindness and hospitality to the members of Synod during its present Session.

Dr. Davidson and Stated Clerk to publish Minutes.

Adjourned to meet at Princeton on the 3rd Tuesday in October 1851 at 3 p.m.

Concluded with Singing, Prayer and Benediction.

A P P E N D I X

1. RESOLUTIONS AND IMPORTANT ACTIONS.
2. NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.
3. PRESBYTERIAL STATISTICAL REPORTS.

1850

No. 1 The committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod to receive and consider any proposals which may be made by the Trustees of La Fayette College for the placing said College under the care of this Synod, respectfully report that no proposals have been made to us on the subject--but the committee has learned with great pleasure that at the last meeting of the Synod of Philadelphia, arrangements were made by which the Institution was placed under the care of that venerable body--And while the committee express the confident hope that this large and influential and wealthy Synod which has no College within its bounds will speedily place the Institution above all embarrassment and secure for it a large patronage we trust the Synod of New Jersey will not look on with indifference, but as far as consistent with other claims, will extend aid and encouragement to a college which has already done much for the church as well as the state.

No. 2 The Synod having heard with lively interest statements from the Secretaries of the several boards of our church, would express their devout gratitude to God for the great and increasing efficiency of these boards in carrying forward the work in which they are employed, and at the same time, their regret that the contributions of the churches under the care of this Synod have been so disproportionate to the claims resting upon them--and in view of the statements made, the Synod adopt the following resolutions, viz:

1. Resolved. That such are the necessities of our country and the world, and such the adoption of our Boards, under God, to meet these necessities, that all our churches be urged to greater liberality in their contributions to the several Boards, and that those churches which have made no collections for the respective Boards during the past year, be earnestly and affectionately urged not to deprive themselves of such a privilege in the year to come, and that it be enjoined upon the Presbyteries to attend to this matter in accordance with the plan heretofore adopted by the Synod.

2. Resolved. That notwithstanding there are embraced with in the bounds of this Synod two very large and destitute missionary districts--the one embracing a large extent of country in the coal regions of Pennsylvania, and the other an extensive region along the sea-coast--yet in the deliberate judgment of this Synod the contributions of our churches to the Domestic Board of Missions ought at least to equal the appropriations of that Board within our bounds.

3. Resolved. That it be enjoined on the ministers of this Synod to preach to their respective congregations once in each year, or as often as they shall deem it expedient on the duty and importance of uniting religious with intellectual education and the danger to be apprehended from any system which divorces these two elements.

4. Resolved. That it be recommended to all our churches to take up an annual collection in aid of the operations of the Board of Publication and that said contribution be made in the month of July.

5. Resolved. That should any of our Boards deem it expedient to send an agent within our bounds that he will cordially received by us.

No. 3 The committee appointed to draft a minute on the subject of colonization as presented in the address of the Rev. Mr. Finley--brought before the Synod the following, which was accepted and adopted.

The committee appointed by the Synod to draft a minute that should express their views in relation to the Colonization enterprise would respectfully report that they have given the subject as much consideration as their circumstances would allow, and would recommend the adoption of the following report and resolutions.

The cause of African Colonization originating as it did in the state of New Jersey, and in the bosom of our own church, has ever been regarded with favor by the church and received a share in her sympathies, prayers and charities--And in its present position calls for renewed energy and zeal in the prosecution of its benevolent objects. The Synod listened with unfeigned pleasure to the statements of the Rev. Robert S. Finley in relation to the past history, present condition and future prospects of this noble and philanthropic enterprise. For the peculiar marks of the divine approbation which have attended the movements of this enterprise from the beginning, the Synod find occasion for thankfulness to the God and Father of all--and while the indications of his providence as well as the promise of his word encourage the hope that the day is not far distant when Ethiopia shall stretch forth her hands unto God, the church should use all diligence in the employment of the instrumentalities now brought within her reach--in the possession of near six hundred miles of coast--and of a population of two hundred thousand natives already under the dominion of the Christian Republic of Liberia and that she continues to encourage the emigration of the civilized and Christian free colored people to the land of their fathers.

The Synod have learned with great satisfaction that the New Jersey Colonization Society have embarked in the timely and important enterprise of making a settlement in the high and healthy interior of Africa, to which not only coloured emigrants from the northern as well as southern portions of our country may safely resort for a home--but also where white missionaries may abide without experiencing the disastrous influences to life and health of a residence on the coast.

In view of these facts, the Synod would recommend to all the ministers and churches within her bounds that means be used and measures taken to cooperate promptly and vigorously with the state society and its agents in accomplishing their object--such as the formation of auxiliary societies--preaching upon the subject, and taking up collections in aid of its funds--by the enlarged circulation of the Liberia Advocate, a monthly periodical published by them, or by such other means as are expedient in their various spheres of influence.

No. 4 The committee to whom was referred the subject of increasing the efforts by our church to promote the propagation of the gospel in Roman Catholic countries recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved. That in view of the increasing facilities for spreading the truth in papal countries--of the great importance of this enterprise, and of the small amount of money contributed within our bounds for this object, that the Synod memorialize the next General Assembly, proposing the organization of a Bureau in connection with the Board of foreign missions for the prosecution of this great work.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION
1850

The bulletin of an invading army is always an object of interest both to those who are engaged in the warfare and to those who sent them forth--To learn what battles have been fought--how much territory has been overrun--how many prizes have been raised--and how many standards have been captured, excites the liveliest curiosity.--- But in the momentous struggle that is going on between light and darkness--between sin and holiness, there is unhappily too little interest in the public mind--the victories of the sword are more attractive than the victories of the cross. Yet we trust that there are many souls waiting for the redemption of Israel by whom any tidings of the peaceful and beneficent progress of Christ's Kingdom on earth are hailed with eagerness and delight. The other branches of the militant church have a right to be informed of the work in which we have been engaged and of the positions we are occupying.--To them we offer our brief annual Narrative--with thankfulness and yet with sorrow--with gratitude to God for the work of honor and of love to which he has called us, and with sincere humiliation that we have performed it so unworthily.

During the year that has just closed, the Synod of New Jersey have increased their strength and their numbers. An eighth Presbytery has been organized in the county of Burlington embracing a population of 40,000 souls. The churches within its limits are still few and feeble, but they are full of promise for the future. Two new flocks have already been organized by this Presbytery and the whole field invites immediate church extension. The Presbyteries of Luzerne, Susquehanna, New Brunswick and Elizabethtown have each established one new church, and are now rearing beautiful and commodious houses for the worship of God. The Presbytery of Elizabethtown have also received in their connection the Third Church of Newark, (formerly under the care of the Newark Presbytery,) and the Presbytery of West Jersey have received the Second Church of Bridgeton from the 3rd Presbytery of Philadelphia. More thorough and systematic efforts have been made for evangelizing the destitute region of "The Pines" than during any previous year.

In Christian education we have not been idle. The sagacious injunction of the Scottish Reformer to place the school house close beside the Kirk has not been wholly unheeded. Under the Assembly's plan for parochial education, several new parish schools have been put into successful operation. Our brethren of West Jersey have taken the preliminary steps to establish in the town of Bridgeton a Presbyterian Academy of a high order, and there is an encouraging prospect that the necessary buildings will soon be reared, and the institution placed upon a permanent foundation. A considerable sum of money has also been subscribed towards establishing a similar institution within the bounds of the Presbytery of Susquehanna. Our Sabbath Schools are increasing in number and usefulness.

A most melancholy uniformity is presented by the Presbyterian reports on the subject of Temperance. The consumption of ardent spirits, is on the increase. The zeal of many of the early friends of this beneficent reform has grown cold, and amid the misguided efforts of the indiscreet the fatal apathy of the indifferent and the open opposition of many who are interested in the spread of intemperance, but small progress is making against the palpable return of many social usages which are alike perilous to the body and the soul.

It would gladden our hearts if we were able to record a more general work of converting grace among our churches. Six out of eight Presbyteries report a dearth of revivals within their bounds. In the Presbytery of Susquehanna several congregations have been visited in mercy and more individuals have been received into church communion than has been usual for several years. The churches of Nottingham, Square, Dutch Neck, Millstone, Freshold, Allentown and Princeton in the Presbytery of New Brunswick and the churches of Lower Mount Bethel and Hackettstown in the Presbytery of Newton have shared copiously in the outpouring of spiritual blessings. Over one hundred persons were received on examination into the three churches at Princeton and thirty students of the college were happily converted to God. These scenes have found their record in the Lamb's book of life.

The customary collections have been taken up by the churches for the support of the General Assembly's Boards. When we say that the amount of these offerings bears but a small proportion to the capabilities of the church, and that the increase of the wealth of the people has not been attended by commensurate increase, of liberality toward the cause of the Redeemer, we only utter what every observing man must sorrowfully confess to be true. The church of Christ has not yet risen to any adequate idea of her stewardship. Too many professed Christians still perform the hollow formality of inscribing Holiness to the Lord on their professions which they are appropriating to self gratification and self advancement. When we pray more we shall give more and our loans to the Divine Master shall be repaid in the joy of rich spiritual harvests.

As we survey the transactions and providences of the past year, we have renewed reason to rebuild our altars of praise and inscribe upon them the record of showered mercies and benefits. Our ranks are better filled than at any former period. Some of our Collaborers have been detached to other and distant fields of service--Some of our standard bearers have fallen in the heat of the battle with their armor on. One of our most aged and venerated Fathers Dr. Miller has sunk to his peaceful slumber, in the quiet of that retirement to which he had withdrawn after fourscore years of toilsome and devoted service. The tidings of his death fell cold on many a heart which had oft been gladdened by his cordial courtesy and cheered by his counsels of tenderness and love. "Devout men carried him to his burial, and made great lamentation over him," for as they smoothed that honored form to its last calm sleep they knew well that our beloved church had few such eloquent lives to lose and few such radiant lights to extinguished.

From these tombs which we have so lately closed a loud and thrilling voice calling us up to our glorious and momentous work. The wants and woes of a world in peril of eternal death echo it back to our consciences. From the streaming cross of Christ comes the same beseeching call for a more patient self denial in our toils--more faithfulness in our pulpit teachings--more fervour in our prayers and more holiness in our lives.

And now beloved brethren, as we gather around our common mercy seat, may we not all unite in one heartfelt petition to the Infinite Jehovah of Hosts, who dwelleth between the cherubin, that His light may arise upon us as the glory of the morning--that the fare gales of His heavenly spirit may be breathed through the churches--that Zion may shake herself from the dust, and arrayed in her garments of holiness may go forth to higher conflicts and to more glorious triumphs.

PRESBYTERIAL
STATISTICAL REPORT
1850

1. The Presbytery of Elizabethtown report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 37 Ministers, and have under their care 26 Congregations, 5 Licentiates and 6 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 18th of October 1849, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. James M. Huntting and the church of Westfield--that on the 12th of November they received Mr. Joseph McConnell, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Philadelphia under their care, and on the following day ordained him to the work of the Gospel ministry and installed him pastor of the church of Mount Olive--that on the same day they ordained Mr. John F. Davis a licentiate under their care to the work of the Gospel ministry, as an Evangelist--that on the 17th of April, 1850, they received the Rev. Lewis T. Lee from the Presbytery of New York and the Rev. Edward B. Edgar from the Presbytery of Hudson--that on the same day they received under their care the 2nd church of Rahway, and installed over it as pastor the Rev. Lewis T. Lee, and dismissed the Rev. Wollsey T. Hunt to join the Consociation of Long Island--that on the 18th of April they received under their care Mr. David Henderson, a licentiate of the Free church of Scotland, agreeable to the rules laid down for the reception of foreign ministers and licentiates--that on the same day they licensed Messrs. John T. Annin and David Stevenson to preach the Gospel, and on the day following received under their care Mr. William L. Barthwaite, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Hingham--that on the 23rd of the same month they installed the Rev. Edward B. Edgar as pastor of the church of Westfield--dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Edward L. Rankin, and the church of Springfield, and dismissed Mr. Rankin, and join the Presbytery of New York--and on the same day, ordained Mr. William L. Barthwaite to the work of the Gospel ministry and installed him pastor of the church of Lyon's Farms--that on the 5th of June they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Peter W. Burghardt and the 2nd church of Woodbridge--that on the 15th of July, they dismissed the Rev. Wm. T. Scudder to join the South classis of New York--that on the 30th of

August they dismissed Mr. Luther Little a licentiate under their care to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Hudson--that on the 2nd of October they received under their care the 3rd Presbyterian church of the city of Newark--and on the same day received the Rev. William T. Locke, a minister of the Baptist church as a member of this Presbytery.--and on the day following licensed Mr. Frederick La Rue King to preach the gospel--and that on the 15th of October (this day) received the Rev. Veratic M. Brinsmade D. D. from the Presbytery of Newark.

The Presbytery further report that all the churches under its care have during the year contributed to the Boards of Education and Missions in accordance with the injunction of Synod.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
JAMES S. HOLMAN, Stated Clerk.

2. The Presbytery of New Brunswick report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 43 Ministers, and have under their care 29 Congregations, 11 Licentiates and 7 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 17th of October 1847, the Rev. Alden Peckel, Rev. John C. Bepev, and Rev. George C. Bush with the congregations of Jordanstown, Plumstead, and Plattsburgh were set off to the Presbytery of Burlington--that on the 25th of the same month, they ordained Mr. James C. Knapp, a licentiate under their care to the work of the gospel ministry as an evangelist--that on the 7th of December they dismissed Mr. Andrew Y. Moore a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Lake Presbytery--that on the 7th of January, 1850, The Rev. Daniel Miller D. D. departed this life--that on the 5th of February they dismissed the Rev. D. R. Thomason to join the Presbytery of Philadelphia--William R. Stewart a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Baltimore--Henry W. Taylor, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Chillicothe--and

David D. Sanderson a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of South Alabama--that on the same day they received the Rev. John W. Rogers from the Presbytery of West Jersey and the Rev. Edward F. Brooks from the Presbytery of Maritan--that on the same day they received Marcus J. Wallace a candidate from the Presbytery of Eastern District--and changed the name of the 2nd church of Trenton to that of the 3rd church of Trenton, also that of Manasquan to that of Squan Village--that on the 5th of the same month they received Horatio W. Shaw and John Mearns on trials for the gospel ministry and dismissed Josiah Milligan, a candidate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Washington, and licensed the Wilha Loomis to preach the gospel--that on the 20th of the same month they installed the Rev. John W. Rogers pastor of the church at Middletown Point--that on the 15th of March they dismissed Samuel B. Check a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Pennsylvania--that on the 3rd of April they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. David Comfort to the church of Kingston and received A. C. Heaton a candidate from the Presbytery of Baltimore, and took Joseph H. Calvin on trial for the Holy Ministry, that on the 24th of the same month, they changed the name of the Trenton First Church to that of King--and licensed Horatio W. Shaw and A. C. Heaton to preach the gospel--that on the 6th of May they ordained Lawrence C. Van and Horatio W. Shaw to the work of the gospel ministry as Evangelists, and dismissed them to join the Presbytery of Allahabad, India--and licensed Nathaniel B. Elink to preach the gospel--that on the 20th of June they installed the Rev. Morse Howell pastor of the church of Squan Village--that on the 5th of July they dismissed the Rev. Wm. Theodore Van Boren to join the classis of New York--that on the 11th of the same month they dismissed A. C. Heaton a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Winchester--that on the 2nd of September they dismissed George I. Goodhue a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Wisconsin--and on the 1st of October they dismissed James G. Fletcher a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Uncle, and received Daniel S. Baker a candidate from the Presbytery of Chickasaw.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery.

ELI F. COOLY, Stated Clerk.

3. The Presbytery of Newton report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 27 Ministers, and have under their care 26 Congregations, 3 Licentiates and 5 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 18th of October 1849, they received the Rev. James G. Moore from the Presbytery of Luzerne--that on the 27th of November, the Rev. Asker Johnson was installed pastor of the church of Stroudsburg for one half of his time--that on the 9th of December the Rev. Alexander Mc Cordless departed this life--that on the 24th of April 1850, Presbytery licensed Mr. John Brittain to preach as a probationer for the Holy Ministry and on the same day they ordained Mr. James T. Miller as an Evangelist--that on the 7th of May they organized the church of Catsaqua and received it under the care of the Presbytery--that on the 29th of May they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. James Clark and the congregation of Belvidere, and on the same day dismissed Mr. Clark to the Presbytery of Washington--that on the 29th of May they organized the church of Stewartville, and received it under the care of the Presbytery--that on the 6th of August they dismissed the Rev. James T. Miller to the Presbytery of Scrubben--that on the 7th of August, they dissolved the church of Scott's Mountain--that on the 1st of September they dismissed the Rev. Charles T. Nassau D. D. to the Presbytery of New Brunswick--that on the 2nd of October they received under their care Mr. Henry Teever, a licentiate from the Presbytery of New Jersey--and on the same day dismissed Mr. John Brittain, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Wisconsin.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery.

JAMES T. MILLER, stated Clerk.

4. The Presbytery of Danbury report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 11 Ministers, and have under their care 15 Congregations, 3 Licentiates and 3 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 1st of November 1849, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. James M. Olmstead to the Congregation of Flemington--that on the 3rd Wednesday in November (21st) 1849 they installed the Rev. James C. Watson D. D. as pastor over the congregation of Clinton.--that on the 9th of January 1850, they dissolved

the Rev. Edward F. Brooks to join the Presbytery of New Brunswick--that on the 15th of April they dismissed the Rev. James H. Olmstead to join the Presbytery of Baltimore--that on the same day they dismissed Mr. James D. Faddock, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Boston, and Mr. James W. Carral a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Rock River--that on the 1st they dismissed Andrew W. Beveridge a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Troy--and that on the day following they received the Rev. John L. Janeway from the classis of Passaic of the Reformed Dutch Church.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
Wm. C. STELLER, Stated Clerk.

5. The Presbytery of Susquehanna report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 17 Ministers, and have under their care 19 Congregations, 1 Licentiate and 2 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 6th day of February 1870, they received under their care Mr. Charles Huntington a licentiate from the Presbytery of Albany, and that on the 7th of the same month, they ordained him to the work of the gospel ministry, and installed him pastor of the church and congregation of Wysox--that on the 20th of August they received under their care as a candidate for the ministry Mr. Henry W. Welles, and on the next day licensed him to preach the gospel. The Presbytery also report that the churches under their care have contributed to the Boards of the church as follows: The churches of Friendsville, Wyalusing, Towanda and Troy have contributed to the Board of Foreign and Domestic Missions, Education and Publication--the church of Silver Lake to Foreign and Domestic Missions and Education--the churches of Warren, Welsh, Orwell and Wysox to Foreign and Domestic Missions and the churches of Athens and Rome to Foreign Missions.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
JULIUS FOSTER, Stated Clerk.

6. The Presbytery of Luzerne report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 15 Ministers, and have under their care 19 Congregations, 2 Licentiates and 3 Candidates.

And the Presbytery further report that on the 19th of October 1849, having obtained leave of the Synod they received under their care Mr. William Samuel Morrison, a foreign licentiate; that on the same day they dismissed the Rev. James G. Moore to join the Presbytery of Newton, and received under their care Mr. William K. Glen a licentiate from the Presbytery of North River--that on the 29th of January 1850, they ordained Mr. Thomas D. L. Hardlaw a licentiate under their care to the work of the gospel ministry and installed him pastor of the church of Fort Carbon that on the 17th day of April they received the Rev. Paul Eugene Stevenson from the Presbytery of New York, and Mr. George W. Berkin a licentiate under their care to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and on the same day installed the Rev. J. D. Hitenell pastor of the church of Harrison--that on the 1st day of April they entered on their list of churches, the church of Schuykill Valley organized by their direction, and changed the name of the church of Harrison to Scranton--that on the same day they took on trials as candidates for the gospel ministry Messrs. Philip B. Cook, A. J. Verntz, and P. J. Verntz--that on the 9th day of May they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. James F. Kennedy to the church of Berwick--that on the 21st of May they ordained Mr. David Hartison, a licentiate under their care to the work of the gospel ministry and installed him pastor of the church of Beaver Meadow--that on the 5th day of July they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. John J. Porter to the church of Kingston and dismissed Mr. Porter to join the Presbytery of Buffalo--that on the 18th of September they dismissed the Rev. James F. Kennedy to join the Presbytery of Carlisle and Mr. Edward Kennedy a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Winchester--and on the same day dismissed Mr. William Samuel Morrison a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Northumberland and Mr. Henry Binker a candidate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
RICHARD WEBSTER, Stated Clerk.

7. The Presbytery of West Jersey report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 15 Ministers, and have under their care 1 Congregation, 2 Licentiates and 5 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that by the action of the Synod, October 19th 1849, the Rev. Cortlandt Van Rensselaer D. D. and the Rev. Samuel Miller together with the churches of Burlington, Mount Holly and Columbus were separated from this Presbytery to form part of the Presbytery of Burlington--that on the 15th of January, 1850, the Rev. John P. Rogers was dismissed to join the Presbytery of New Brunswick--that on the 19th day of April the Rev. Samuel Lawrence was dismissed to join the Presbytery of Burlington--that on the 9th day of July, the Rev. J. F. McCoy was dismissed to join the Presbytery of Philadelphia--that on the 27th day of August they dismissed Mr. Henry Reeves, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and on the same day dismissed Mr. Nathaniel C. Part a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Miami--that on the 1st day of October, they dismissed Mr. Luther L. Gibson a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Brazos--that on the 2nd day of October, they received the Rev. Edward Ellis from the Presbytery of Ebenezer and on the same day took under their care as a candidate for the Holy Ministry Mr. William C. Cattell--that on the same day they received under their care the Free Presbyterian Church of Bridgeton--that on the 3rd day of October, the Rev. Henry J. Van Dyke, was received as a member of this body from the 3rd Presbytery of Philadelphia--and the Presbytery further report, in accordance with the directions of the Synod, that collections have been taken up in our churches, as follows: For the Board of Education in all the churches, except those of Deerfield and Millville--For the Board of Foreign Missions in all the churches except those of Cape May, and Millville--For the Board of Domestic Missions in all the churches except the church of Deerfield--and that no report has been received from the church of Gloucester City.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery.

THOMAS W. CATTALL, Stated Clerk.

8. The Presbytery of Burlington report to the Synod of New Jersey that the organization of the Presbytery took place agreeably to the order of the Synod at the city of Burlington on the 15th of November 1849--that they consist of 5 Ministers, and have under their care 8 Congregations, and 1 Licentiate.

The Presbytery further report that on the 29th of January 1850, the Rev. Samuel Miller, previously the stated supply of the churches of Mount Holly and Columbus was installed pastor of the church of Mount Holly--that on the same day they received under their care Mr. Jesse S. Davis a licentiate from the Presbytery of New York, and on the 19th of March, ordained him to the work of the gospel ministry and installed him pastor of the United churches of Plattsburgh and Plumstead--that on the 7th of April a church was organized at Midford--that on the 21st of the same month a church was organized at Beverly--that on the 1st of October, they received under their care Mr. J. A. Ripley, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Grumbull. The Presbytery also report that the Rev. John C. Le Fay departed this life on the 5th day of April 1850.

The Presbytery report further that the church of Burlington, Mount Holly and Columbus have contributed to the Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions and those of Burlington and Mount Holly to the Board of Education--and that no reports of contributions have been received from the other churches.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery.

SAMUEL MILLER, stated Clerk.

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